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Canadian public policy strategist and international speaker (TEDx, Davos, UNGA) with 10 years' experience advancing Canada's role in democracy, climate resilience, emerging technology, and global affairs.

Education

- 2025 **HARVARD KENNEDY SCHOOL (HKS)** – Master of Public Administration (MPA) **Cambridge, MA, USA**
Rotary Scholar (10% sel.); Cross-training at MIT on Business of AI & Robotics and Cybersecurity; Economics-Policy, China, Writing/Storytelling; Built mental health chatbot using various LLMs; Engaged in discussions related to tech policy.
- 2015 **UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA** – Bachelor of Arts (BA) **Vancouver, BC, CANADA**
International Relations major. 2 years of policy and analysis work terms at the US-Consulate (market analysis of province's renewable energy sector), BC Ministry of Health (surgical wait times), and Silicon Valley (higher education consulting).

Experience

- (2026 - Incoming) **MBZ UNIVERSITY OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE** **Abu Dhabi, UAE**
Lead, Global Engagements and Initiatives
- Incoming role leading global AI initiatives and partnerships at a leading AI research university, with a focus on institutional engagement, AI governance, talent, and international collaboration.
- 2025 - Present **QUANTUM ALLIANCE** **Cambridge, USA**
Fellow, AI Policy & Global Partnerships
- Lead foresight & partnerships for a Harvard–MIT platform helping frontier-tech start-ups scale in emerging markets.
- 2023 -2024 **WORLD BANK – GLOBAL ENVIRONMENT FACILITY (World's largest multilateral environmental fund)** **Washington DC, USA**
Consultant
- Co-led launch of Canadian-funded global climate award: reviewed 600+ proposals, awarded \$2.5M to 23 NGOs; led selection process, expert panels; launched at event with senior Canadian & leaders from 186 countries in Vancouver.
 - Asia Pacific and Latin America: Advised ministers & senior officials on accessing climate finance under the UN frameworks at workshop clinics in small island states; also covered co-financing, and results frameworks.
 - Authored GEF Council decision briefs (governing body of donor/recipient countries) on work programs >\$200M.
- 2021-2022 **WORLD ECONOMIC FORUM (VIA GLOBAL SHAPERS COMMUNITY)** **Global (Remote)**
Co-Chair, Davos Lab Campaign (voluntary leadership role)
- Co-led flagship next-gen policy initiative to inform private & public sector leaders on risks and opportunities set to define the next decade; scaled campaign to 100+ countries, reached 2M+ people including in 10 Canadian cities; co-authored [UN-cited Youth Recovery Plan](#); Co-chaired 25-member global taskforce. Presented at Davos.
- 2019 – 2023 **GOVERNMENT OF CANADA – GLOBAL AFFAIRS CANADA (GAC)** **Ottawa, ON, CANADA**
Policy Advisor / Advisor (Cyber, Critical Tech & Democratic Resilience Bureau)
- Advised senior officials on geopolitics, democratic resilience, and foreign interference risks; authored briefs, including ministerial/Prime Minister-level talking points, aligning messaging for bilateral and multilateral engagements.
 - Major deliverables: White House US Summit for Democracy; Led interdepartmental coordination on 30+ elections; aligned \$20M+ democracy programming with multilateral partners, notably EU/OAS/OSCE and former USAID.
 - Budget Lead for a \$200M Treasury Board submission; aligning fiscal asks to strategy; successfully translated technical terms into policy – including a \$13M federal commitment to strengthen Canada's resilience to digital/AI threats.
 - *Dep. Minister's Future of Work Taskforce*: 1 of 10 chosen (from 5,000+) to lead post-COVID workforce transformation.
- 2019 **UNITED NATIONS (UN DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM)** **Bogotá, COLOMBIA**
Consultant (Democratic Governance Unit)
- Built roadmaps with public sector leaders to embed SDGs and institutionalize reform and service delivery.
 - Led post-conflict governance workshops (Bogotá/Amazon); produced joint municipal-civil society action plans.
- 2015 - 2018 **IDEASXCHANGE (Social-innovation non-profit focused on improving youth civic engagement)** **Vancouver, BC, CANADA**
Founder & Director
- Designed 40+ design-thinking courses for youth to empower them on civic engagement; trained 1,500+ participants.
 - Successfully fundraised and developed a dozen public-sector engagements; featured mentors including then-MLAs—later served as BC ministers; Led a team of 10-15 people and created facilitation playbook; Lead Editor for IDX Blog.

Languages: English & Spanish; French & German (B1); **Interests:** Outdoors, biking, outer space, innovation, AI, public speaking enthusiast.

Selected talks: NYC (UN week), FII Institute on [next-gen priorities](#); Davos (WEF) on [“Tackling Mistrust”](#) with ex editorial director of BBC News.